

木戸侯爵日記

昭和十六年八月二日分

八月二日(主)

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午前十時出勤

十一時通近衛公來室對米糧便給衛次海軍
部内ニ拾頭シ來ル形勢ニアリ將來ノ政情
ヲ深憂セラレ統帥部トノ圓満ナル協同ニ
モ不安ヲ懷カレ居ル様子ナリ余ハ米國ニ
シテ油ノ供給ヲ斷ツカ如キ變態ニ出ル場
合ニハ石油ノ給源ヲ失フニ至ルベク而シ
テ貯油量ハ多ク見積リテモ二年ヲ出デズ
左スレバ餘程外交工作方ヲ慎重ニセザレ
バ取返シノツカザル困難ニ遭遇スベシ此
テハ至急陸海軍大臣ト圓京ノ根本ニツキ
徹底的ニ論議シ若シ意見合ハザレバ桂題
スルモ不得止ベシ此場合ニハ從ハ陸海軍
ヲシテ收拾ニ當ラシムルノ外ナカルベシ
ト意見ヲ述ブ

秘書官長ト右ノ件ニツキ打合せ

二時半岡田文秀氏來島面談

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"Extract from Entry from Marquis KIDO's Diary, 7 Aug 41"

August 7th, 1941 - (Extract)

.... Prince KONOYE proceeded to the Palace at 2.30 p.m. He talked with me from 4 p.m. to 4.30 p.m. after his interview with the Emperor. I expressed my opinions as follows, and asked him to give them full consideration.

1. The situation we are facing now is very serious.
2. We must immediately decide our national policy by holding a meeting between the Government and the Army without loss of time.
3. According to reports received to date, we are not strong enough to fight with the U.S.A. and the Soviet at the same time.
4. We are facing a very serious situation which could be easily reduced to a simple problem such as oil, by making a little difference in our viewpoint.
5. According to the Navy, the quantity of oil in store was so moderate that it would barely supply us throughout two years during peace, and in case of war we would not have enough for more than $1\frac{1}{2}$ years, but the Army estimates there is 1 year's supply for war.
6. If the above mentioned were true, we must reach the conclusion that our war with the U.S.A. would be a hopeless one.
7. The Dutch East Indies and the northern part of Saghalien would be the chief source of oil supply after we were cut off from our American supplies.
8. To occupy Singapore and the Philippine Islands was an essential prerequisite to a successful landing in the Dutch East Indies. Since oil wells would be destroyed during these actions, it would not be possible to obtain oil in necessary quantities for $1\frac{1}{2}$ years.
9. If we attack the Dutch East Indies, the U.S.A. would declare war against Japan. The long-distance transportation of oil under a constant menace of submarines and airplanes would be very dangerous and the result would fall short of our expectations.

10. If there were miscalculation about oil supplies, we would face a very serious situation which might lead to our defeat.

11. We could not do what we wanted on account of the lack of our national power. Although the situation was different in its external appearance, we might be compelled to exercise the same self-restraint as we did after our victory in the Sino-Japanese War in 1895.

12. We should be resolved to toil through ten years of hard struggles.

13. Meanwhile we should do everything to restore friendly relations between the U.S.A. and Japan. And we must try to secure the materials which we need.

14. Our ultimate objective is Japan's advance to the Southern Regions, and in order to attain this object, a ten-year plan has been mapped out as follows:

- a. Establishment of heavy industries and machine-tool industries.
- b. Establishment of a synthetic oil industry.
- c. Expansion of ocean lines and shipping.

昭和十六年八月七日分

午前九時中島島主氏來訪口。

十時四十分ヨリ十一時迄録口。

武官長再慶來靈に軍令部長ト口説ノ結果ニツ
キ證アリタリ。

一時五分ヨリ一時二十分迄舟着近に次長ノ好意ノ
 言上ヤル御筆ノ書簡ニツキ御話アリタリ。

一時半小倉大工大目來至賣金取給ノ旨付度ニ
ツキ聞ラセタ。

二時半、官信長來望洋館ノ碼頭會ニツキ、禮儀ス。

三時半近省首松蔭内拜謁、在四時ヨリ四時半頃迄
談話ス。

余ハ大云左ノ如キヲ見ヲ通ベ深音ナル者ニヲ食ム。

一今日ノ事ハ眞ニ立大ナリト思フ

一 在英日ヲ逃スコトハ許サレヌ速ニ政府は自部ノ
往底的ナル協議ニヨリ方針ヲ決定スルノ要アリ
ト思フ

一 今日遊余ノ過タル實料子ハ野米點ノ所而作田ハ
余程に難ナリト思フ

一而シテ眞像ニヨツテハ同尺ハ箱メテ簡單ニ還元
サレタトモ云ヘル配子油ノ間ニダ

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2.

一 油ハ海軍ガ二年是トテモ戦争ヲスレバ一年半シ

カナイト云フ陸軍ハ一年位トノコトダ

一 ソコデ續ニカラ云ヘバ右ガ事實ナリトスレバ到

底米國ニ對シテ必勝ノ戦ヲ爲スコトハ出来ナイ

ト云フ外ハナイ

一 米國ヲ外ニシテ手近ニ油ノ供給源ヲ求めレバ蘭

印ト北緯太シカナイ

一 蘭印ヲ攻陥スルニハシンガポール、フィリッピ

ン等ヲ先ヅ制覇スルニアラザレバ困難デアラウ而

シテ之等ノ行動中ニ油井ハ破壊サル、デアラウ

カラ必要量ノ油ヲ得ルセハ到底一年中ハ維持シ

思フ

一 蘭印ニ手ヲ出セバ米國ハ参戦スルデアラウソウ

スレバ假リニ油ガ出ルトシテモ英米ノ潛水艦航

空機ノ脅威下ニ長距離ノ輸送ハ非常ニ危険率多

ク果シテ所期ノ成果ヲ擧ゲ得ルヤハ頗ル疑ハシ

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一 若シソコニ誤算ガアツタトスレバ由々重大事デ

我國ハ油ノ不足文デ手ヲ擧グル外ナイト云フコ

トニナル

一 然ツテ今日ノ情勢ヲ單的ニ云ヘバ國力足ラズシ

テ思フコトガ出来ナイト云フコトデアツテ表面

ノ形ハ幾ツテニルガ日清以後ノ三國干渉ノ場合

ト同ジ決意ヲスル外ナイト云フコトデハナイカ

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一即チ今後十年ヲ目標トシ臥薪嘗胆ノ決心ヲナシ
一並ニ日米國交ノ調整ヲ爲シ所長ノ要求ヲ行ハ
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一國內ニテハ島嶼ノ目的ヲ兩邊ニ世キテ此ノ
目的達成ノ爲メニ大体十年ヲ目標トシ

一重工業、工作機械工業ノ確立、

一人造石油工業ノ急進ナル確立

一海軍航空艦隊ノ大發展

等ニ盡力スルコト

而シテ右計畫ノ實現トシテ至急ニ國土計畫ノ實施
ヲ促進スルコト